

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Insertions are indicated by underlining and deletions are indicated by double bracketing or by strike-through.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 10 of the specification as follows:

Poly G nucleic acids preferably are nucleic acids having the following formulas:



wherein X_1 , X_2 , X_3 , and X_4 are nucleotides. In preferred embodiments at least one of X_3 and X_4 are a G. In other embodiments both of X_3 and X_4 are a G. In yet other embodiments the preferred formula is 5' GGGNGGG 3' (SEQ ID NO:28)[[.]] or 5' GGGNGGGNGGG 3' (SEQ ID NO:29), wherein N represents between 0 and 20 nucleotides.